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Subject: Future of the EPA

Dear Mr. Pruitt,

I urge you to resist making severe cutbacks in the mission and role of the EPA.

As one American I would like to make sure that you know that I depend on the EPA to keep our air and water clean. Our wild spaces and wild animals are our heritage and need protection. I expect there is probably some room for "streamlining" of regulations, but I am strongly opposed to "deconstruction" of the EPA. We cannot be healthy without a healthy environment. We must study, analyze and predict the impacts of climate change — and incentivize development of technologies that will provide remediation. We must identify and prosecute and fine people and organizations who pollute.

Please follow in the footsteps of other Republicans who have led the environmental protection movement. Please consider that (most of) the American people are counting on you to leverage the EPA staff, resources and regulations to improve our environment, not set it up for private exploitation.

We only have 1 earth. We are morally required to protect her. We are the stewards of these lands and must protect them for our children and their children and their children and their children.....

Respectfully, Loretta Burns